

Proposed General Permit for OCS Oil and Gas Facilities

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All,

Attached is a public notice of Region 9's proposed reissuance of its general NPDES permit No. CAG280000 for discharges from offshore oil and gas exploration, development and production facilities located in Federal waters off the coast of Southern California. The public comment period for the proposed permit closes on February 4, 2013. The proposed general permit and fact sheet are attached, and can also be found at: http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/npdes/pubnotices.html.







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The current permit was issued in September 2004 and modified in November 2009; the current permit can be found at:

http://www.epa.gov/region9/water/npdes/permits.html.

We have also attached Excel spreadsheets with an updated reasonable potential (RP) analysis for produced water discharges (and cooling water and fire control system discharges) using recent DMR data for:

- chemical constituents, and
- whole effluent toxicity (WET) using EPA's 2010 Test for Significant Toxicity (TST) procedure







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The Excel spreadsheets include a Visual Basic program which performs the RP calculations for

chemical constituents according to the procedures in Appendix A of the fact sheet which are the same procedures used for the 2004 permit.

For WET, the program follows the RP procedures in the TST implementation document, available at:

http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/wet_final_tst_implementation2010.pdf

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